

Thatcher hope • Foot appeal • Steel warning



The last day: Mrs Thatcher, Mr Foot and Mr Steel as they ended their campaigns yesterday.

Spanish firm to claim salvage on Harrier jet

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

The Spanish company Naviera Garcia-Mifaur is to make a salvage claim on the £7m Royal Navy Harrier jump jet which made a forced landing on one of its ships off Portugal.

Labour defiant as Tories head for landslide victory

The Conservatives are still heading for a landslide victory but Mrs Thatcher's target of half the popular vote seems unlikely to be achieved.

Protest provokes Tory contempt 'Think tank' may be killed

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday faced the biggest and noisiest demonstration of her election campaign tour and was provoked into revealing her utter contempt for the Labour Party.

Tomorrow

By early tomorrow the complexion of the next Parliament will be known and throughout the night The Times will be producing a series of special editions to incorporate the latest election results.

Saturday

The Times on Saturday will include a 12-page special section listing the whole of the election results in detail, together with biographies of the new MPs.

FT index surges to record

Shares surged to a record high, with the FT index of 30 leading companies up 4.4 to 714.7 as investors showed confidence in a Conservative victory in the polls.

FINANCIAL TIMES

The strike-bound Financial Times has failed to appear for the eighth successive day.

Aid team out

The 12 relief workers abducted seven weeks ago by Ethiopian guerrillas have crossed into the Sudanese border town of Kassala, a spokesman for the Tigré People's Liberation Front said.

Abortions rise

Britain's illegitimacy and divorce rates are among the highest in the European Community, according to the latest statistics.

Profits shared

After increasing profits by 26 per cent to £20.1m, Hill Samuel, the merchant banking and financial services group, has more than doubled to £7.6m the sum set aside for staff profit-sharing.

Gallows plea

One of the three African National Congress guerrillas due to be hanged this morning has appealed for a stay of execution as international protests mount.

OAU accord

The Organization of African Unity began its first summit in two troubled years after Polisario western Sahara guerrillas agreed to stay away from the meeting in Addis Ababa.

P & O to reply

Lord Incheape, the P & O chairman is to answer questions from Mr Nigel Brookes, chairman of Trafalgar House, about the group's performance at today's annual meeting.

Prince of Wales highlights farm dilemma

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Start talks resume in Geneva

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US seeks missile flexibility

Between 850 and 1,450 deployed missiles. The President maintained his other proposal to limit nuclear warheads to 5,000 each, a reduction of about one third.

US works with Russia for Lebanon peace

The United States has discussed the Middle East, including Lebanon, with the Soviet Union "and our objectives to get all the foreign forces out of Lebanon".

BTR wins control of Tilling in £660m bid

Britain's largest company takeover bid ended last night as BTR, an engineering and energy group, won control of Thomas Tilling in a £660m deal.

Owen statement confirms Alliance rift on defence

Dr David Owen yesterday confirmed the rift in Alliance policy over the independent British nuclear deterrent when he told Mr Norman Tebbit, in a radio discussion, that an Alliance government would use Polaris as a weapon of last resort.

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A great evening's tennis on the eve of Wimbledon at the David Lloyd Slazenger Racquet Club 17 June 1983

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On Friday next week, a team of tennis professionals, including Vijay Amritraj, Roscoe Tanner, Gene Mayer, Peter Fleming, Buster Mottram and David Lloyd, are giving up their time to play in the Binatone Pro-Celebrity Tennis Tournament against a team of celebrities which includes Kevin Keegan, James Hunt, Jodi Shekter, Trevor Eve, Desmond Lynneham, JPR Williams and Peter Jay.

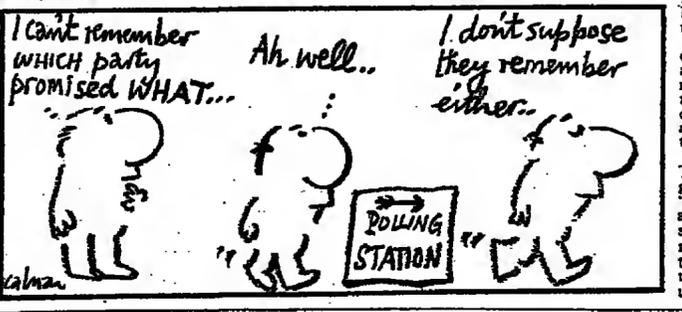


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Britain high in EEC league of illegitimacy and divorce

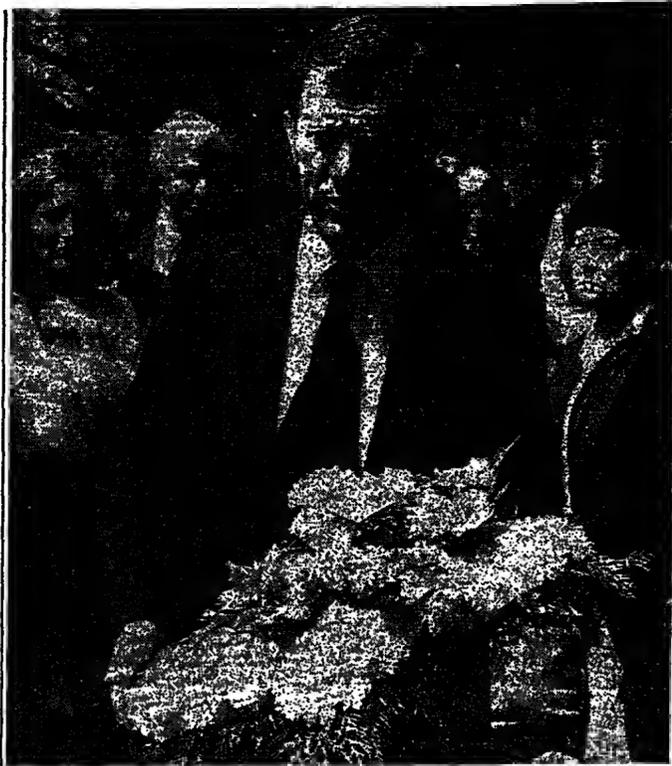
By Ian Murray

The illegitimacy and divorce rates in Britain are among the highest in the EEC, according to figures published yesterday by the European Commission...

NUJ urges 'black' on poll night reports

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The National Union of Journalists yesterday asked its 32,000 members to "black" election night copy from the Press Association in support of a 48-hour official strike by NUJ members employed at the national news agency...



Mr David Broome, of the British showjumping team, carrying a wreath at yesterday's funeral at Priors Marston, Warwickshire, of Caroline Bradley, the showjumper, who died last week.

Yard check on 'sale' of A-level pages

Scotland Yard was last night investigating the removal of A level examination papers from the University of London Exam Centre, and allegations that stolen papers were being sold for £100 each.

Science report: Life may have had many false starts

By the Staff of Nature. Life on Earth may have begun as many as 10 times with only one branch surviving until the present...

Surreal wife wins painter £7,000

By Christopher Warner, Arts Correspondent

A portrait combining surrealism with the even more modern concept of television has won the £7,000 John Player portrait award...

Builders will hold interest at 10%

By Baron Phillips, Property Correspondent

Leading housebuilders have ignored the prospect of higher mortgage rates by freezing their interest rates for home buyers at 10 per cent.

Jail study analyses trend to suicide

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Remand and life-sentence prisoners are among the most likely to commit suicide in jail, according to preliminary research completed for an inquiry by Sir James Hennessy...

Rates check group expansion

By David Walker

A large number of jobs are being offered at the commission recently created by the Government to check that councils are providing ratepayers with value for money.

Muslim is banned for beating

A mosque has been closed and the Muslim priest dismissed after he beat two boys during religious instruction. Their schoolteacher called in the police and social workers...



Mr Narayan: Pledged to lead resistance.

No action against lawyer for 'retake streets' call

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent. The Bar Council is not to take any action against Mr Rudi Narayan, the leading rights barrister, over his call to people in Lambeth, south London to repossess the streets from the police...

Sunday papers 'must be updated'

From Our Correspondent, Blackpool

Sunday newspapers should be updated and improved to meet the requirements of the reader, Mr Edward Whelan, the new president of the National Federation of Retail Newspapers, said yesterday.

Woman buried by road to save pension, court told

An old woman's death was concealed and she was buried at night near a lay-by in a Buckinghamshire country road, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

The true case, the researchers suggest, lies somewhere near the middle of 'both tables.'

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Thatcher and Foot find agreement in PR attack

Geoffrey Smith COMMENT

The Prime Minister and Mr Michael Foot found themselves in agreement yesterday when Mrs Thatcher endorsed a bitter attack on proportional representation by the Labour leader.

It was one of two questions posed to Mr Foot at the Labour press conference yesterday which were based upon the possibility of a Labour defeat today.

At first Mr Foot attempted to give the same treatment to the question about the feelings of the electorate if it put the Alliance into second place but the Labour Party won more seats with fewer votes.

That had protected some of the greatest parliamentarians in history. If Mr Churchill had not been able to appeal to his constituents in the 1930s, he might have been hung out by Conservative Central Office.

The eyes seem to watch with disapproval peeping surreptitiously from among the greenery, until you feel like a naughty boy on an apple-stealing mission.

When Mrs Thatcher was told that Mrs Foot had attacked proportional representation she said: "That is one aspect on which we can agree."

He complained that the case for proportional representation put by the Alliance was always about how it represented other people but did not go into the

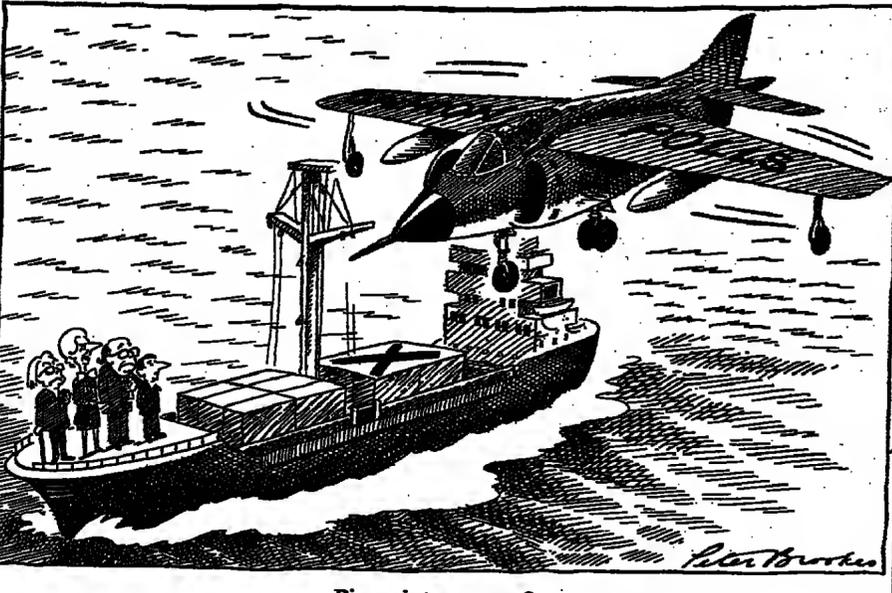
when he extols her ability to remember names and faces. She has paid only three visits during the campaign: that, thinks Thomson, is enough after 24 years in the seat.

This year she has paid seven visits to her constituency. Her agent, Mr Andrew Thomson, a vibrant energetic Scot, adopts a visage of near-religious joy

As a newcomer to national politics, Mr Williams, a college lecturer aged 34, acknowledges that he is an outsider.

Local sport and recreation, Mr Wainwright observes wryly, was tactical voting. Boundary reorganization has changed dramatically many of the old

At the end of the day a handful of votes is going to decide the winner," he fore-casts.



Pin-point accuracy?

Chancellor cuts fine figure

The Conservative campaign truck moved away from the centre of Newport, Isle of Wight, bearing the Chancellor of the Exchequer momentarily the wrong way down a one-way street.

Widening North-South rift

The strong running of the Conservatives in the polls has threatened to deepen the traditional divide between North and South with some dark speculations materialising around Sheffield.

An elder statesman bows out

Mr Jo Grimond has been contemplating this election with mixed emotions. At a national level he sees his long-held dream of a realignment on the left in British politics becoming a reality as the Liberal-SDP Alliance overtakes Labour in the polls.

THE ISSUES STATE INDUSTRIES

Public good versus private gain

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent Few subjects cause such polarization of Britain's two main political parties as nationalization.

Such issues have in the past few years often exploded into controversy, particularly in the cases of Amersham International and Britoil, but they have not caused widespread acrimony in the election

Labour's manifesto promise that a significant public stake will be established in electronics, pharmaceuticals, health equipment and building materials and other sectors "as required by the national interest"

Table with 3 columns: Company Name, % Conservative, % Labour. Includes British Telecom, British Airways, etc.

Colne Valley

Rivals' feud fuels brutal fight

Mr Holt, aged 44, an ex-football association referee, plays heavily on his local pedigree. As an exporter of Valley-woven cloth, he says he provides work at six textile mills and as a county councillor, he believes he has a reputation for getting things done for people.

Tooting

Alliance plays a losing card

Mr Wainwright, unwilling to share platform, and Mr Tom Cox: Strong record of service.

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Pym accuses Labour

Powell faces toughest fight

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Pym criticizes Labour for ignoring 'vote losing' EEC

By Amanda Haigh

Mr Francis Pym, Secretary of State for Foreign Commonwealth Affairs, yesterday accused the Labour Party of deliberately ignoring the EEC during the election campaign because they knew it was a vote-loser.

"It is because the Labour Party realizes taking us out is a very unpopular line and the British people realize it is very much in our interests politically and economically to remain in the Community. For that reason it has not really been an issue. There is no doubt we have won the argument decisively," he said at the Conservatives' early morning press conference.

Moments earlier, at the Labour conference, Mr Michael Foot had been asked why he had not included withdrawal from the EEC among the five priorities he has just set out for a future Labour Government. None of the Labour press conferences has been devoted to this issue and Mr Eric Heffer, the party's European and Community affairs spokesman, has not been used at the conferences.

Mr Foot said there had been no exclusion or attempt to

Hiding doubt in the green hills of Co Down

If this campaign proves to be Mr Enoch Powell's last hurrah at the hustings, his supporters will remember for years the scene at his penultimate meeting in a small town perched high above the lush green fields of Co Down.

He marched with his wife, Pamela, into Rathfriland's Church square amid a riot of colourful uniforms as seven bands, from accordion to flute and bagpipe to silver, brought crowds onto the streets.

Nothing emitting from the cacophony of sound appeared to be beating a retreat for Official Unionist hopes in the marginal constituency. Although their names would be tongue twisters for anyone outside Ulster, their presence to support Mr Powell is a clear indication of how hard he is having to fight to hold the seat he first won in 1974.

It is well known among Unionists that Mr Powell does not greatly favour bands at his election rallies, but they are a powerful attraction and highly symbolic in loyalist politics. As one Official Unionist said: "Patsley's lot came through here and could only muster one of their own bands. That's how bad they are doing."

Yet another potent symbol was at Mr Powell's side as he sat with party dignitaries on the back of a truck draped with the Union flag. Lady Brookebo-

rough, widow of Northern Ireland Prime Minister between 1942-63, was there and in cash no one had noticed the audience were reminded that she came from old Loyalist stock and was lending her support.

Even the Queen and Queen Mother got a mention in a speech in which the local assembly representative castigated the Democratic Unionist Party before making an inadvertent slip when he advised people to put a cross at the name of Mr Powell which was "at the bottom of the poll".

While other speakers attack their opponents and warn of the danger of handing the seat to a Republican, Mr Powell has struck throughout to three themes. They are passionately expounded with all his formidable logic.

His 300-strong audience of ruddy faced country people do not appear to warm to him but are impressed that someone of his international standing is their candidate, backing their cause.

Nowhere is too small for him to stop and nowhere is too hostile a territory. "I am now going to talk to the sheep at the crossroads, then I will do the impossible, and make a Unionist speech in Castlewelling", he announced on leaving a small pebbledashed housing estate.

He did both with only one house at the crossroads, and in Castlewelling the Provisional Sinn Fein banners were fluttering across the main street.

Official Unionist hopes are high that Mr Powell will hold the seat, but even among the



Mr Powell canvassing in Dundrum, Co Down, while Mr Christopher Gibbons, right, goes in search of a Labour supporter in Sutton Coldfield



what Rhondda is to Labour - impregnable. Mr Norman Fowler, its fortunate MP since 1974, attracted almost 70 per cent of the votes cast in 1979 and the chance of Mr Gibbons ending the local hegemony today is as likely as Screaming Lord Sutch defeating Mrs Thatcher in Finchley.

And so the former Birmingham city councillor has spent most mornings during the campaign prosecuting for the local police before daring to venture out and receive his daily ration of abuse and mockery from Sutton Coldfield's massed true-blue ranks.

Flying the Labour flag in such a Tory bastion calls for novel campaign and organizational tactics. His first step was to pay a £5 insurance premium to cover himself against the near certainty of losing his £150 election deposit.

Having borrowed a motorcycle from the Triumph Meriden Cooperative, and proudly declaring himself to be the only motor-cycling Labour candidate in the country, Mr Gibbons has a BBC TV crew went in search of a voter. If the idea had not been eventually scrapped, they would probably still be continuing the search.

Despite the hopelessness of his cause, the personal knocks and vilification, Mr Gibbons confesses to having enjoyed the contest and looks forward to a future parliamentary battle. Will it be in Sutton Coldfield again? "Nobody is ever asked to run here twice."

Where optimism is a Labour rally

party faithful, there are doubts that a man acknowledged as a fine constituency MP will be back at Westminster. A woman who had stood for an hour waiting for him in Rathfriland, said: "I have just come to see him speak for the first time. It's something I want to be able to tell my children". Such expressions of defeatism have never crossed Mr Powell's lips though he would be less than human if the thought had not crossed his mind.

prosecuted shoplifters and careless motorists in a nearby magistrates' court.

It is not that Mr Gibbons has given up any hope of victory. Such wild thoughts never entered his mind in the first place. "You have to take a realistic view of the matter. You are probably not going to win and the next thing that follows..." he says, pausing. "... is that you are going to come third."

Sutton Coldfield, the least working-class constituency outside London, is to the Tories

General election results	
Date	Turnout %
November 14, 1935	71.2
July 5, 1945	72.7
February 23, 1950	84.0
October 25, 1951	82.5
May 28, 1955	78.7
October 8, 1959	78.8
October 15, 1964	75.8
March 31, 1966	75.8
June 18, 1970	72.0
February 28, 1974	78.7
October 10, 1974	72.8
May 3, 1979	76.0

The trickiest question was faced by Mr Pym, who was asked for his view of the landslide which Mrs Thatcher has said she wants, but about which he had previously expressed doubts. Replying, he took the lead of the Prime Minister in *The Times* yesterday: "It is up to the British people tomorrow and we will settle for whatever, in their wisdom, they give us."

'Abrasive' Toryism attacked by Steel

By Barbara Day

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party: "At the moment it looks as though there is going to be a Conservative victory. All the polls indicate that. Therefore the question is how substantial is the victory going to be, and what controlling interest is the Alliance going to be able to have on the Government.

"I think a lot of Conservative voters who believe in the old one-nation style of Conservatism are going to draw back from giving an endorsement to the new, abrasive and harsh Toryism that we see today and I think they will switch to the Alliance.

"I think that it would be a disaster if we had a major landslide for the Conservative Party because I think that the divisions in our society will increase over the next four or five years and that cannot be healthy for the country." (ITN News at One)

Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Labour Party: "I believe Labour can win. I believe we are going to fight very hard tomorrow. I have seen the marginal constituencies where we are fighting and that is where the thing is going to be decided and I believe that the individual evidence that we have justifies this. I think the SDP or the Alliance, or whatever they call themselves, are going to be wiped out as an effective force

BROADCASTING

When the votes come in... Back page

in the next Parliament and the only way, therefore, the Thatcher Government can be defeated is through the Labour Party." (ITN News at One)

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: "The Conservative Party consists of people who come from all walks of life and the policy is for people in all walks of life. The really divisive policies are those of the Labour Party, who start to talk about class war, class struggle, all the old Marxist language. That is outdated. It is not suitable for Britain. I thought in the first Parliament which I came into in Harold MacMillan's time we had got rid of all that stuff. It is ridiculous. It belongs to a different age. It brought it back and it is they who deliberately set out to be divisive. We are British and I do not divide between one group and another.

"I have not used power autocratically in any way, nor should I use it autocratically. I am a devout believer in democracy and the ballot box and this is the only authority that any government has - the authority given to it by the people." (ITN News at One)

Early pointers to result

Within seconds of the polling booths closing at 10pm tonight, both BBC and ITN will flash an early prediction of the general election result to millions of television viewers.

Their forecasts will be based on thousands of late-day polls carried out during the day with electors as they leave the polls in specially chosen constituencies.

ITN is interviewing 10,000 people spread over the 110 safest marginal seats in addition to further estimated 4,000 voters in 40 more seats, who form a typical cross-section of the population. The same formula employed in

1974 and 1979 provided ITN with a remarkably accurate prediction of the outcome.

The BBC is interviewing 4,500 electors in more than 300 constituencies. "I hope that the 1983 BBC survey will be at least as accurate as the first one I did for the 1979 election. Our prediction then was spot on," Professor Ivor Crewe, of the department of government at Essex University said yesterday.

More than 40 countries will have British television coverage sent by satellite from British Telecom's earth stations at Goochilly, near Land's End and Madley, Hereford.

TV and radio broadcasts

TODAY 10 AM-11 AM, Election 20, presented by Carol Dimmock, Peter Snow, David Frost, and John Peel. 11 AM-12 PM, Election 20, presented by Carol Dimmock, Peter Snow, David Frost, and John Peel. 12 PM-1 PM, Election 20, presented by Carol Dimmock, Peter Snow, David Frost, and John Peel.

MONDAY 10 AM-11 AM, Election 20, presented by Carol Dimmock, Peter Snow, David Frost, and John Peel. 11 AM-12 PM, Election 20, presented by Carol Dimmock, Peter Snow, David Frost, and John Peel.

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African unity at stake

Polisario Front agrees pullout to prevent OAU summit collapse

Addis Ababa (Reuter, AFP, AP) - The Polisario Front yesterday agreed to pull out of the nineteenth summit of the organization of African unity (OAU), clearing the way for an end to the crisis which has threatened the organization's existence.

Gaddafi roadshow dazzles Addis

Addis Ababa (NYT) - Under the walls of Africa Hall, where the organization of African Unity remains locked in a possibly terminal dispute, there is a modest side-show for those not privy to the deliberations within.

German churchmen fear peace group takeover

From Michael Binyon, Bonn - The German Evangelical Church yesterday began a five-day convention in Hanover that has already provoked sharp political controversy because of accusations that it will be dominated by the peace movement, whose members are attending in large numbers.

Elton John takes home old China

From David Bonavia, Peking - Elton John, the singer, has bought \$50,000 worth of antiques during the tour here by Watford Football Club, of which he is chairman.



Mrs Gandhi 'a soul in agony'

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, left, with Mrs Milka Patil, President of the Yugoslav Federal Executive Council, after the Indian leader's arrival in Belgrade yesterday for a 48-hour official visit to Yugoslavia.

Freed relief team gets near Sudan

Khartoum (Reuter) - A team of foreign relief workers recently freed after being kidnapped by guerrillas in Ethiopia have crossed a flood-swollen river on their journey back to freedom and are close to Sudan, reports said here yesterday.

ANC guerrilla in last-minute appeal for stay of execution

The South African Government, unmoved by a flood of eleventh-hour appeals for clemency from all over the world, yesterday said that the hanging of three African National Congress guerrillas would take place as planned at dawn today.

The first test-tube triplets born

Adelaide (Reuter) - An Australian woman gave birth to the world's first test-tube triplets yesterday, two girls and a boy, delivered a month premature by Caesarian section.

Mercy mission man due back

Dr Andrew Doig, the Church of Scotland emissary sent to Malawi to plead for mercy for Mr Otton Chirwa, the country's former Justice Minister, and his wife, is expected back in Britain today.

Volga disaster toll put at 240

Moscow (AP) - The death toll from Sunday's Volga river cruise ship disaster was at least 240, unofficial Soviet sources reported. Four railway carriages had plunged from the bridge hit by the ship.

Andropov doubt

Bonn (Reuter) - The West German Government said yesterday it had no evidence that Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader, was seriously ill, and that the planned visit by Chancellor Helmut Kohl to Moscow on July 4 would go ahead.

Hawke in Paris

Paris (AP) - Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, arrived in Paris yesterday for a round of talks with French leaders that is expected to focus on Australia's opposition to France's nuclear weapons testing in the South Pacific.

Claim denied

Washington - The Reagan Administration was branded as "patently false" the cooption of an anti-Zionist committee in Moscow that the majority of Jews who desired to emigrate from the Soviet Union had already left.

Pilots eject

The 'Faguet' (Reuter) - A USAF Phantom reconnaissance aircraft based in England crashed at Oudeschep, northeast of Groningen, yesterday but the two pilots ejected safely, the Dutch Defence Ministry said.

Flagged down

Harare (Reuter) - An African businessman running a curio shop in Bulawayo has been arrested for the possession of flags and army insignia of the former Rhodesia. Their sale on display was banned in 1981.

Golfer's suit

New York (AP) - Severino Ballesteros, the Spanish golfer, has filed a suit for unspecified damages against the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., charging it used his picture in advertisements without permission or payment.

Out of tune

Frankfurt (AP) - An embarrassed USAF band apologized to the Yugoslav national football team after playing the pre-war national anthem, holding up play in the match against West Germany for 30 minutes while a search was made for the proper music.

Seven killed

Johannesburg (AP) - Seven people leaving a wedding died when their twin-engine private aircraft crashed after take-off from Cape Town.

Exiles return

Harare (Reuter) - Botswana has sent back about 70 Zimbabwean exiles who illegally fled across the border from the troubled province of Matabeleland.

Own goal

Stockholm (AP) - A Swedish navy minesweeper firing an anti-aircraft gun scored a direct hit on its own bridge during an exercise in waters south of here, a naval spokesman said. No one was hurt.

Two Israelis die in Beirut car blast

From Robert Fisk, Beirut - Israel's toll of military casualties in Lebanon rose still further yesterday when a car bomb exploded next to an Israeli convoy on the perimeter of West Beirut, killing two soldiers instantly and gravely wounding a third.

Uproar over spy chief's reported attack on Begin

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem - The chorus of recrimination inside Israel marking the first anniversary of the invasion of Lebanon has reached a new pitch with a reported attack on the military judgment of Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, by the former head of Mossad, the Israeli secret service.

The second vital decision to make today

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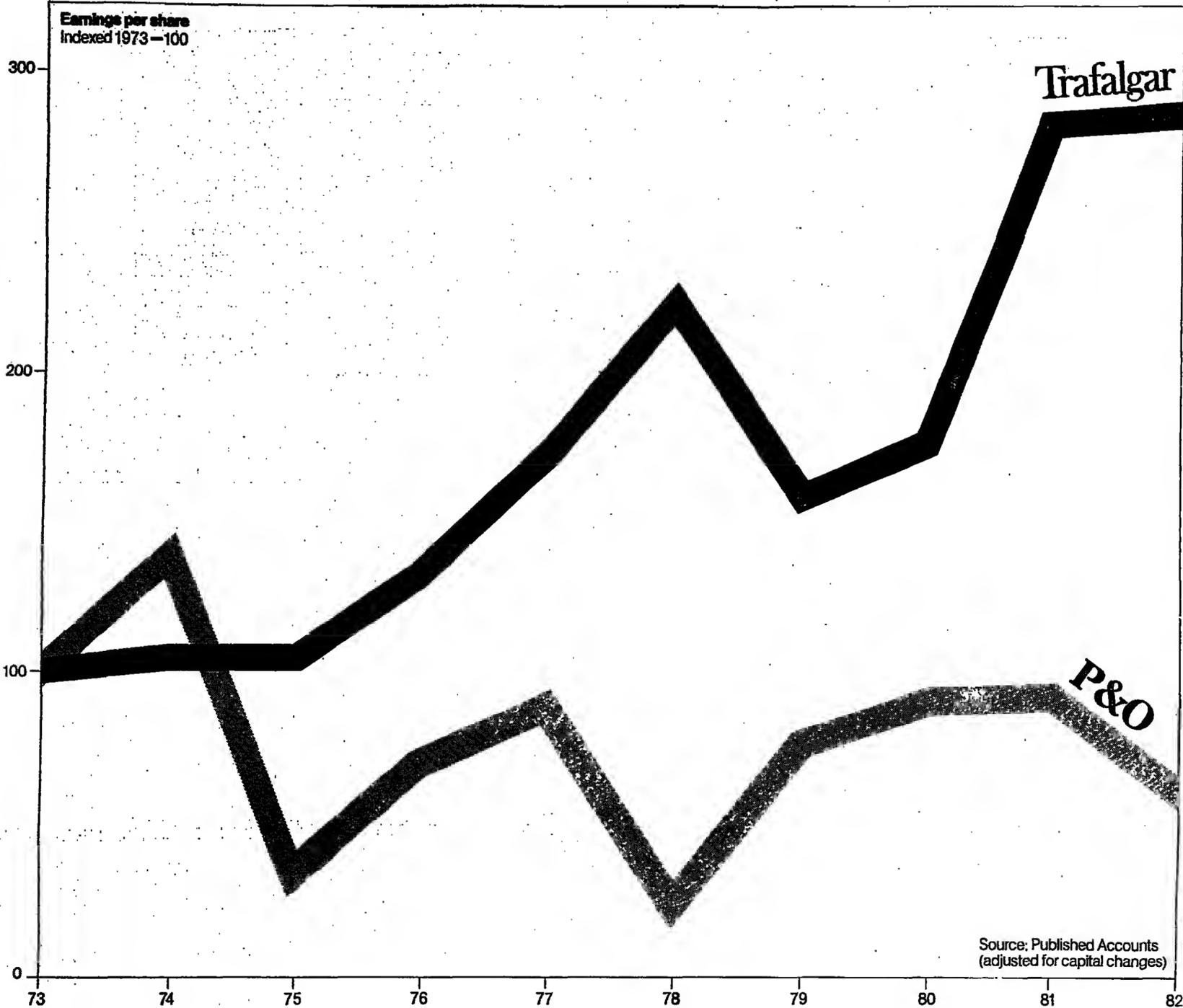
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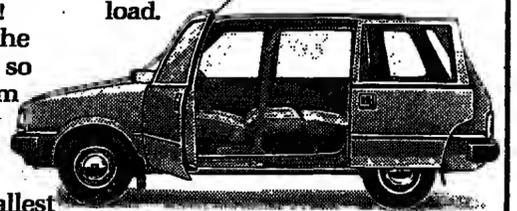
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US-Nicaragua tension grows

Consular officials accused of spying

From Mohsin Ali Washington

Nicaragua's six consulates in the United States closed down yesterday and their 21 officials began leaving for home after the Reagan Administration's swift retaliation for the expulsion on Monday of three American diplomats from Nicaragua.

The heads of the consulates in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans and Houston were ordered by the State Department on Tuesday to close their offices and leave the country within 24 hours. The remainder of their staff and dependents have been told to leave by tomorrow.

The State Department said that an important consideration behind its action was "the Nicaraguan Government's use of its consulates for intelligence operations". Officials declined to give any details, and categorically rejected Nicaraguan charges that the expelled Americans had been involved in subversive activities.

Tension between the Administration and the Sandinista Government has reached an unprecedented pitch, but diplomatic relations have not been broken off.

President Reagan has repeatedly accused Managua, which is supported by Cuba and the Soviet Union, of giving aid to left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador. The Administration is giving economic and military aid to the Salvadorean Government.

On Tuesday the House foreign affairs committee approved a Bill to deny the operations in Nicaragua. Instead, the Bill would authorize the Administration to spend \$80m over two years to help friendly Central American nations to halt arms supplies to the Salvadorean guerrillas.



Arrival: Miss Linda Pfeifel, Miss Ermila Rodriguez and Mr David Noble Greig, the three US diplomats expelled from Nicaragua, at Miami airport.

have alleged that the Administration is assisting Nicaraguan rebels to overthrow the Government, in violation of a congressional ban on the use of intelligence funds for such purposes.

Washington has repeatedly denied this, maintaining that its objective is merely to help stop arms shipments to the Salvadorean guerrillas.

The Senate Intelligence Committee recently approved a Bill which would allow the cover operations to continue until September 30, 1983, empowers Congress to act after that date.

Many Democrats in Congress

MANAGUA: Señor Daniel Ortega, coordinator of the Nicaraguan junta, said that the expulsion of the American diplomats showed "irresponsibility" and strengthened the policy of confrontation and war in Central America.

Their expulsion also "strengthens" the support that (the United States) is giving to the counter-revolutionary groups backed by the Army and Government of Honduras.

Señor Ortega's comments were made after the signing of an agreement on economic and scientific cooperation between Cuba and Nicaragua.

El Salvador trial: The Reagan administration has decided to send a special representative to El Salvador to try to make sure that the courts conduct a thorough trial of Salvadoran soldiers accused of murdering four American missionaries in 1980. NYT reports.

Mr Harold R. Tyler, of New York, a former federal judge, has agreed to accept the role. Administration officials said, and to report back to the Administration and Congress.

The case has been a focus of continuing dispute in the United States because little progress has been made in the Salvadorean courts since the National Guardsmen were charged with the murders on November, 1982.

Pilot tells of ordeal

Broken radio forced Harrier into emergency landing

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The pilot of the Royal Navy Sea Harrier which landed on a Spanish cargo vessel in the Atlantic said he was forced to do so because of "navigation problems".

Sub-Lieutenant Jan Watson speaking by radio telephone from the Alraigo which is expected in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, in the Canaries, this morning said: "There were no mechanical problems with the Harrier, but I realized I had navigational problems when I discovered the main radio was no longer working."

With fuel for only six minutes flying and having lost contact with the aircraft carrier, Sub-Lieutenant Watson circled the Alraigo and then came down hovering over the cargo of 4ft by 2ft containers all stored in a 90ft area between the ship's bridge and its deck.

"All the crew looked very concerned and they had the lifeboats out and the fire hoses at the ready", Sub-Lieutenant Watson went on explaining

that at the Alraigo lurched in high seas his Harrier nearly shipped off the containers ending with its fuselage tipped nose upwards at an angle of 10 degrees.

After getting over the shock the crew had been "very good indeed", Sub-Lieutenant Watson from the Yeovilton base. The Alraigo is expected to dock in Santa Cruz between 10 and 11 am local time today and a spokesman for the Garcia Minaur Line, owners of the ship, said yesterday that it was expected the vessel's own derrick would lift the Harrier off.

Señor Inaki Echeverria, head of the line, said a salvage claim on the Harrier had already put into this lawyer's hands.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry previously said the whole incident would be treated as a humanitarian matter - like the forced landing of any other aircraft.

The Spanish press has generally treated the incident in a light hearted way but has emphasised the remarks of the Alraigo's skipper, Captain Aitor Suso, a 26-year-old Basque, who spoke of his crew's fears when one of the Harrier's bombs slipped from its emplacement

after the aircraft had been lashed down on board.

Diario 16, the Madrid liberal daily, had a front page illustrated column under the headline: "Land Wherever You Can". It showed a cartoon of an RAF pilot looking on nonchalantly from his cockpit as scared Spanish seamen watched a bomb slip along the Alraigo's deck. The newspaper was the only Spanish publication to mention a bomb.

Other papers said the Harrier had been taking part with the illustrious in Nato manoeuvres. Reporting from Tenerife ABC, the Madrid right-wing daily, speculated that the aircraft might not be handed over today by the Spanish authorities in the Canaries but at the nearest British port - Gibraltar.

The Spanish Defence Ministry decided, on being informed by the shipping line, that the Alraigo should keep on its regular course from Bilbao to the Canaries. The captain of the ship told Spanish media he had received a suggestion from the aircraft carrier illustrious that he should make an emergency stop in Oporto, Portugal. The Spanish Navy also has the technical take-off and short landing aircraft on its carrier, the Dédalo.

Defence Ministry faces £400,000 bill

By Joan Lawless

The Ministry of Defence is likely to face a bill for about £400,000 for the cost of the world's biggest container in

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and suspect, as a result of wear and tear on the high seas.

"I have seen containers that have been damaged through sea, normal use. People can walk on them, and they can be damaged."

The container is being built by the Ministry of Defence for the Royal Navy's fleet.

French police union fights back for its sacked chief

The second largest police union federation, whose secretary-general has been dismissed from the force, has announced yesterday that it planned to hold a demonstration in protest against the attack on individual policeman rights.

M Remy Halberstadt, secretary-general of the Union Syndicale Categorielle, represents about a fifth of the uniformed police, and he was clearly the object of the

political attack. He had been dismissed from the force, and his position was seen as a serious threat to the police force.

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A key eye-witness, Herr Franz-Adolf Gelhaar, a teacher aged 46, remains in a critical condition in hospital. Herr Gelhaar was hit when he threw himself between children and the gunman, crying: "At least leave the children in peace - shoot at me!"

Warsaw give and take as papal visit nears. Polish prime minister, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, has resigned in a joint call for calm and restraint during the papal visit and a church commitment to continue its broadly conciliatory policies towards the Government, Roger Boyes writes.

Mr Wales, reached by telephone at his home in Gdansk, said he had no word on reports from the Vatican that he would meet the Pope in Czestochowa, the church shrine city, on the fourth day of his visit.

He said the police had confiscated the drivers' licences of Mr Mieczyslaw Wachowski, his regular driver, and Mr Adam Kinszowski, one of his spokesmen, in what could be an effort to hinder his movements both before and during the papal visit.

Razor blade slasher brings fear to Rome. A young woman was slashed across the face yesterday by a man with a razor who has attacked seven people in a week.

Signorina Simonetta Ricci, aged 22, had just left home in the morning to do some shopping in the Tuscolo suburb of Rome when the man attacked her from behind, slashing her right cheek.

Towed ship runs amuck. Cherbourg (Reuters) - Three ships were damaged, two giant cranes knocked over and millions of pounds' worth of damage caused in an accident in the northern French port of Cherbourg.

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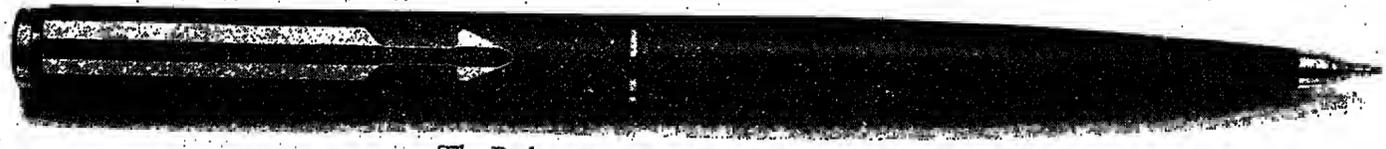
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Up the poll without a vote



MODERN TIMES

A sideways look at the British way of life

leaving their form uncollected at the polling station; the last of the big abstainers.

But there is another group of men and women, all living in Britain and directly affected by the new regime, which has no votes at all.

A good question. And, in the circumlocution of the politicians whose day of days this is, may I answer it by asking you another?

When Nye Bevan called them "worse than ermine" (Surely it was "worse than vermouth"? Ed.) it was under the assumption that most of them were going to vote Tory.

It was Lord Hailsham, in his first incarnation, who said the British electorate would be "stark, staring bonkers" if they were to vote Labour.

Be that as it may, the thing about being crackers, if you want to carry on voting, is not to be caught at it by two doctors.

Then there are minors, which is a posh name for children. They should not be confused with the other sort, who caused Ted Heath to ask who was governing Britain.

One of the lasting puzzles of the British electoral system - and one I should say, completely ignored by Walter Bagehot in his English Constitution - is why politicians spend so much time kissing minors or patting them on the head during elections.

If you are a guest of Her Majesty at, say, Windsor or Wormwood Scrubs, then you are ineligible to vote. The criminal fraternity counts this as one of its most jealously guarded perks.

Aliens are likewise vote-free. They can drink tea, go on strike, hate foreigners, eat fish and chips, sing Rule Britannia, dodge VAT and love the Queen Mum.

Nicholas Wapshott

At last it's here. Today's the day. For some of us it's bright and early down the polls, marking the least bad alternative.



NEARLY MAN

Andrew Horien (above) A-level student Westminster School, who narrowly misses voting

"I do regret not being able to vote - it was so tantalizingly close. It will probably be the last chance I have to vote for my father... next time I expect I shall be living outside his constituency... I would have voted Conservative anyway unless the candidate was one I did not like.

ALIEN Bonnie Angelo (left) Bureau Chief, Time Magazine, American citizen



"I have been here or five and a half years, so this is my second election. I'm a political junky. To rewrite Cole Porter, I get a kick from campaigns. I'm interested for two reasons, firstly, because it is a reality, secondly, because as a journalist I'm in a perfect situation - totally immersed and totally non-partisan.

LIFE SENTENCE

Lord Ardwick (right) Ex-editor, created a life peer in 1970

"I believe the House of Lords should be reformed so that you have two kinds of peers - elected and nominated... At 70 I would have to be a nominated peer or nothing. It is difficult for elderly people to act effectively in politics.

beardless... What do I think of the parties today? Well the Alliance is based on jelly - showing some signs of setting but jelly nonetheless. Labour is still based on rock but has presented a much criticized manifesto.

SUB ROYAL

Patrick Earl of Lichfield (right) Hereditary peer and working photographer

"I inherited when I was 18 so I've never voted. I do not think there should be revisions in the House of Lords. Since one is given the option of whether or not to sit there (it's called leave of absence), I think that if you agreed not to participate in matters of government you could be allowed to vote.



does one vote make anyway". Now I know otherwise. It is extraordinary, looked at from an advertising point of view, that the others didn't change the two front men: if Labour had Healey at the front it would be a different matter now...

EX-CON

Geoff Coggan (left) Ex-prisoner Wormwood Scrubs, Wandsworth, Parkhurst, national organizer, the National Prisoners' Movement

"I was in Wormwood Scrubs at the time of the 1974 election - 1974 probably represented the high spot of prisoner's interest as prisoners in parliamentary elections. Since then there has been the disillusionment of three Home Secretaries in quick succession - Roy Jenkins, Merlyn Rees and Whitlaw - now representing the three parties soliciting our votes.

nuclear weapons and are more likely than most to be affected, on their release, by unemployment - right at the end of the queue. On election night people will be listening on transistor radios. You're not allowed to lay bets in prison of course, but it's done all the time. As to how they would vote, there are no grounds for anticipating a prisoners' "block" vote, not even on issues like capital punishment or length of sentences.



RIGHTS FIGHT

Tony Stone (above) Director of social education, Calderstone Hospital and Director of nursing, Burnley, Pendle, Rossendale District Mental Handicap Service

"The position on Thursday is that the 110 patients who were put on the register in 1978 will participate in this election... Both major political parties are committed to improving the lives of mentally handicapped people; I don't know how the Alliance stands. At present some patients are very conscious of the issues involved in the election and want to participate; there are others not so conscious and some whose illness incapacitates them to such an extent that they are not aware of the issues at all.

electoral register at Calderstones, the staff identified approximately 10 per cent of patients as being fully capable. They were put on the electoral register in 1978 and voted in the 1979 by-election. As a result of this, more people from Calderstones came forward and said: 'Why can my friend vote and not me?' We realized then that the only proper way was to put the entire population on the register, so the whole thing becomes self-selective... It took three or four years, but finally in September 1981, Blackburn Crown Court awarded the three patients whose case we argued initially the right to vote. This effectively brought about the changes which eventually led to the Mental Health Amendment Act, which comes into force this September.

Judy Froshaug

Cartoon titled 'FLAVIA CORKSCREW'S GOOD FOOD GUIDE' showing people at a polling station with various humorous dialogue bubbles and captions.

Ballot speak MOREOVER... Miles Kingston. A column of text containing various phrases and statements related to elections and politics.

Ballotspeak CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 78). A crossword puzzle grid with clues and a list of words to be placed in the grid.

BOOKS

Fiction: Mailer and Gerhardtie Up the Nile

Ancient Evenings By Norman Mailer

A plague - the plagues of Egypt - on Norman Mailer. He is probably the best, certainly the most conspicuous, still the most entertaining reporter of our times.

Crude thoughts and fierce forces are my state. I do not know when I am. Nor what I was. A spectacular opening to Ancient Evenings fuels expectations that a powerful contemporary imagination has been working on some of the world's most ancient religious records.

An ark of exotics

The Polyglots By William Gerhardtie

For example, when Uncle Emmanuel tries to speak English, it is deplorable. George holds them together by being able to translate. Of course it is clear that George is largely William Gerhardtie, who was brought up by his English parents in St Petersburg where his father was in business early in this century.

Starkly to say what happens in this book would be utterly to spoil the way things happen. The scenes are exotic Japan, Far Eastern Russia (Harbin) in the aftermath of the War, 1920-1922, with muddled Allied Military Missions and so forth.

He also has the play of using dialogue generally in English - minimum acceptable, with OK farm-boy breakfasts and, with luck, a home-made pie.



Storm swells, music swells, sail swells, and the hero escapes to meet his destiny

Resurrecting la gloire of Napoleon

Napoleon Abel Gance's Classic Film

By Kevin Brownlow

Abel Gance's epic Napoleon was completed in 1927, but it was not until 1980 that an audience finally saw something that approximated to its maker's design.

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Before the dream was finally realized, Brownlow had worked on the film almost ten times as long as Gance himself.

The best Prime Minister we haven't

Roy Jenkins

A biography By John Campbell

that he is prone to sudden failures of nerve. The book suffers from the combination of the author's sympathy with his subject and closeness in time to the events which he describes.

country home at East Hendred was apparently once described as "ramshackle".

Dr Campbell provides a fine account of Jenkins's literary and historical output, but is weaker on the workings of the civil service.

Poetry Fish and miracles for breakfast

The American poet Elizabeth Bishop

But oh, that we could sleep up there

The bird resists the poet's attempts to feed and revive it: it dies, and he flings its corpse into the sea

posthumous collection includes a number of fine translations, notably from Rimbaud, as well as poems that are both quirky and deeply felt.

The last line quoted wobbles in its wishfulness, but that is unusual for so fastidious a craftsman.

I very much like both the tone and the substance of that, and it sounds a note of quiet feeling also to be heard in some dozen or so other poems in this most accomplished book.

The Penguin Book of Homosexual Verse, edited by Stephen Coote

The Penguin Book of Homosexual Verse, edited by Stephen Coote (Allen Lane, £8.95; Penguin paperback, £3.95). This is a collection of poems (in the broadest sense of the word) and about homosexual people (in the broadest sense of the words).

Patric Dickinson A Slipping-Down Life, by Anne Tyler (Sever House, £7.95)

I found it cuddled under the cliff. The tide was low again. When morning darkness had driven so the dark young shag to shelter?

Vanishing America

Blue Highways A Journey into America By William Least Heat Moon

A man who couldn't make things go right could at least go. Working on this brutally laconic premise, as transatlantic in its way as buckwheat pancakes.

He travelled in search of the day-to-day America. He kept to the back roads, delineated here on the highway maps of old America.

Let me try to explain his attitude to cafes, especially the three- or four-calender ones (misnamed, for these are an important factor in his travels).

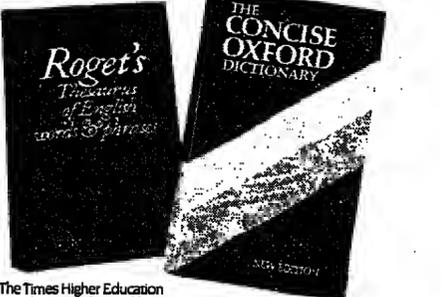
At the end of the journey, the author writes in a letter to a friend, and the revelations of his feelings are touching: "I'm in love with the whole film. It's part of me"

Of the hundreds of exchanges on the round trip from Missouri via Boring, Kentucky and Nameless, Tennessee, there are two which I found especially appealing.

Rome's North-West Frontier: The Antonine Wall, by William Hanson and Gordon Maxwell (Edinburgh University, £17.50)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RENEWAL

Decisive changes in history are generally attributed to external causes. In reality most changes in external circumstances arise as the culmination of a long process occurring gradually within the unconscious minds of individuals.

to flourish and sustain each person's individualism. That healthiness comes about through a public and private capacity for self-criticism.

lated in a three week election campaign culminating in a vote, is not made by most people until three weeks before that vote.

THE GREENING OF BRITAIN

Buffeted and benumbed with manifestos, the public might feel entitled to hope that election eve should be left free to give time for quiet rumination over the clamour of recent weeks and preparation for its consummation today.

remote from the everyday - such as unilateralism, land nationalisation, world-wide birth-control promotions, and a line on animal rights which claims "uncompromising radicalism" while finding room for appeasement of the voter with rod and line.

are drawn, the easier it is to command assent, and vice versa. A glance at its list of summarised conclusions might lead the reader to think that its quangoish origins had imposed a bland readiness to be all things to all men.

Compulsory insurance

From Mr Michael Harvey, QC Sir, Mr David Hancock expresses the hope (June 3) that the next Parliament will address itself to devising a suitable scheme for compulsory public liability insurance.

policy-holder's own insurance company will pay the damages. This extension should therefore prevent the policyholder and his family from becoming uncompensated plaintiffs in the circumstances described by Mr Hancock.

whether the trimming is done by hand or machine. In the end the hedge loses its structure, and should be left to grow away for a few years before starting the whole process again.

Hedge against loss

From Mr P. J. Angier Sir, Not for the first time, it has been implied in your columns that the processes of hedge-laying and trimming are mutually exclusive (letter, June 3). This is not so.

Real tombstones

From Mr Christopher Stell Sir, The Reverend Christopher Marshall's campaign for real tombstones (report, May 30) will be welcomed by all who have a feeling for the quality of our churchyard memorials.

Profit and loss at the polls

From Lord Harech and others Sir, Now it is all over but the voting. Yet that is where a serious question arises. Predicting the result of a three-way contest in a first-past-the-post election is foolhardy, for the relationship between the parties' final share of votes and seats will be very distorted.

would promote, is a dangerous portent for the political future of Britain. Sir, Mrs Thatcher is right to point out that the only option poll which counts is that of the ballot box.

Moral priorities on nuclear defence

From the Bishop of Winchester Sir, I am grateful to Professor John H. Humphrey and others (June 3) for their forthright declaration that for the question of Britain's defence policy transcends all other issues in this election and ought to transcend party politics.

unilateral withdrawal of nuclear missiles either possessed by us or deployed in our territory. They will have to show good reasons for believing that this will make it less likely that such attacks will be launched upon civilians anywhere and from any quarter.

Military degree

From Mr Duncan H. Robinson Sir, The Duke of Edinburgh (report, June 3) is not the first Prince Consort to take up the idea of a military degree: it was a subject considered by Prince Albert 120 years ago!

Where orchids flourish

From Dr A. S. Thomas Sir, Botanists will be delighted that the Nature Conservancy is taking steps to protect some of our less common orchids (report, May 19).

Rampant rape

From Mr Phillip Oliver Sir, Re your leader in The Times of May 30, "Rape of the countryside", as you say in your last paragraph the crop is much favoured by the bee and honey bees will at times travel four to five miles to it.

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On remand in London

From Mr S. P. B. Sheridan Sir, Today at Hendon Magistrates' Court I represented a defendant charged with criminal offences, he having been on remand in custody for several months, awaiting commitment to the crown court, which should occur at the end of June.

Compulsory insurance

should try and safeguard our environment by having similar legislation here. Yours faithfully, PHILIP OLIVER, Rylands, Upton Bishop, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, May 31.

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The Strada II Energy Saver is anything but an ordinary 'economy model'.

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On the new fascia, the driver finds a computerised Econometer, showing the fuel consumption at any moment, and the best time to change gear.

But the ES is not designed to be miserly at the expense of excitement.

The beauty is, it still has all the acceleration and responsive handling of the Strada.

And like all Strada II models, it takes numerous other steps to improve both economy and performance.

Aerodynamic refinements such as the 'airflow' radiator grille and smooth bonnet reduce drag by 10% across the range.

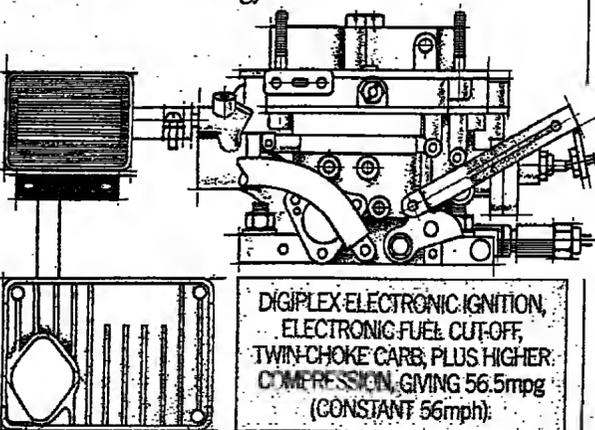
The Strada II applies new technology to reduce unnecessary weight.

The wheels are made of special steel alloy, the radiator of aluminium. Even the battery is 40% lighter.

The front-wheel drive, overhead-cam engine and 5-speed* gearbox have been considerably improved in efficiency, with greater torque at low revs.

While the new suspension with off-centre springs gives a quieter, smoother ride, with lighter steering.

The car's interior has been ergonomically designed to save the driver's energy.



The entire passenger compartment is insulated from engine noise by a double bulkhead.

The new seats give better anatomical support.

While the powerful new ventilation system can change the air twice a minute. And direct warm air to your feet, but cool, fresh air to your face.

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The Strada II is a very safe car, with a strengthened rigid passenger compartment and higher impact absorption in the crumple zone.

And it is a very reliable car, manufactured with pinpoint accuracy by the advanced 'Robogate' system that Fiat introduced to the world.

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Investment and Finance

City Editor Anthony Hilton

WALL STREET

Dow slips in heavy trading
New York (AP-Dow Jones)—Stocks recovered from early lows in heavy trading yesterday.

STOCK EXCHANGES
FT Index: 714.7 up 4.4
Dow Jones Industrial Average: 28,568 down 20pts

CURRENCIES
LONDON CLOSE
Sterling \$1.5700 down 20pts

INTEREST RATES
Domestic rates:
Base rates 10
3 month interbank 10 1/2-10

PRICE CHANGES
Bassion Int. 16x2p
FMC 52p x8p
Hamrobs (22) £10x1

TODAY
Interim: Comet, Sidlaw,
Finalist: John Beales, Assoc Co's

POUND ABROAD
Australia \$ 1.57 1.78
Austria Sch 25.65 28.00

NOTEBOOK
Britain's financial markets have been buoyant in anticipation of a Conservative victory

BTR attacks insurance groups for backing Tilling board

By Our Financial Staff
Sir Patrick Meaney, Thomas Tilling's chief executive, will meet his bankers this morning to decide whether to recommend the £660m takeover bid from BTR, which went unconditional yesterday afternoon.

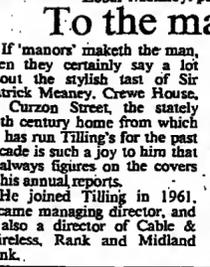
Managements to meet after £660m takeover victory

Later today, he will talk to Mr David Nicholson, BTR chairman, and Mr Owen Green, its chief executive. It will be the first meeting of the two managements since BTR launched Britain's biggest takeover.

BTR won control of the industrial holding company with acceptances for 58 per cent of the shares. But it will need acceptances for at least a further 32 per cent before it can begin implementing and reorganizing the clutch of Tilling businesses.

management a second chance, proved to have little effect.
Yesterday afternoon BTR accused the insurance companies of abrogating their responsibilities by sticking with the existing management principle.

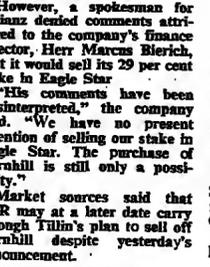
investmet manager, confirmed that it did not accept the bid with its 2 1/2 per cent.
Last night investors were rushing to buy Tilling shares, sending the price up 11p to 237p.



Looser Meaney: prophetic message



Winner Green: hard-driving



Spartan at the top

Silvertown House faces the world from Vincent Square, London, SW1, with 14 windows that are boringly-square and six white columns at the front.

A healthy queue in the City

Perhaps the most encouraging feature of the present stock market boom is that companies are taking the opportunity to raise large amounts of cash by rights issues. Indeed, the normal rights issue queue maintained informally by the Bank of England is now pretty full for three months.

Ironically, there was a rights issue boom in 1975, when company liquidity was at crisis point and stock market prices were just recovering from their worst pasting in postwar history.

Today, the main problem is the capacity of the big city institutions to underwrite so much new equity capital. They are mainly stretched because of the succession of massive takeover bids culminating in UDS and Thomas Tilling.

Institutions were naturally nervous of filling their books too full during the uncertainty of an election. It was notable that Trafalgar House made its first bid for P & O without a cash alternative, that would need underwriting, though there were other reasons for this.

Today's election will likely remove most of these doubts. But if Mrs Thatcher is returned, there will be another batch of privatisation issues for the underwriters to absorb.

Recovery hopes at Unctad

From Deisa Trevisan, Belgrade
M. Jacques de Larosiere, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, yesterday introduced an optimistic note at the plenary session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

He reminded all the participants that the essential thing for them was to see that the initial gains were not frittered away in a new wave of inflation.

Earlier, Mr Roy Williams, under secretary in the Department of Trade, injected a new idea into the proceedings largely devoted to aid to the developing world by putting the emphasis on private investments.

Mr Williams said that Britain was making efforts to encourage private companies investing in the Third World but this also required effort of developing countries to provide a climate in which foreign investors could have confidence.

On the question of the division between the industrialized nations and the Third World, the Western view at the conference is that the existing international institutions are capable of overcoming the present crisis and dealing with the problems besetting the developing world. The Soviet block has not shown to be particularly involved in the search for concrete solutions.

Brazilian ministers are still debating the conditions on which they should accept assistance from the International Monetary Fund. Announcement of the terms, which are expected to include cuts in subsidies, some price increases, and de-indexing wages, has been delayed.

P & O will answer Trafalgar queries

Shareholders in P & O have been promised answers at today's annual meeting to a series of questions about the group's performance contained in a letter from Mr Nigel Brookes, chairman of Trafalgar House, to Lord Incheape, chairman of P & O.

Trafalgar has bid about £290m for P & O, which is being, bitterly resisted. Lord Incheape will today devote most of his speech to countering Trafalgar's questions. But he will not give a profits forecast or asset revaluation.

A formal defence document will be despatched after the meeting, but profits forecasts and asset values will be held back in the expectation that Trafalgar will raise its bid.

Mr Oliver Brookes, P & O's managing director said: "We will be dealing with them tomorrow, but I do not think he will get the answers he wants."

Mr Brookes warns Lord Incheape in the letter that advertisements in today's press suggest P & O shareholders should ask certain questions at the meeting.

The questions include: Why are P & O's profits lower now than they were 10 years ago when Trafalgar's have trebled in the same period? What profits is P & O forecasting this year? And why has P & O's return on shareholders funds been under 9 per cent when Trafalgar's has been over 30 per cent for the last 10 years?

Lorrho puts pressure on Fraser

By Our Financial Staff
Lorrho last night threatened to create thousands of new shareholders in House of Fraser by breaking up its 30 per cent stake in that company into small parcels.

The company was reacting to a claim made on Tuesday by House of Fraser that the plan to demerge Harrods would require a majority vote of shareholders.

The Fraser board plainly felt that the thousands of small shareholders in the company would back the board, making it impossible for Lorrho to get this majority, although Lorrho might be able to command more than 50 per cent of the share.

Lorrho's threat would be difficult but not impossible to implement City sources said last night. But they felt that the simple fact that Lorrho might be prepared to go to this length would be enough to dissuade the Fraser board from pressing for a head count.

Election hopes lift shares to record

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent
Shares hit a record high yesterday as overseas investors scrambled to buy stocks ahead of today's poll, in the confident expectation that a Conservative victory would give a further boost to the equity market.

The FT index of 30 leading companies rose 4.4 to 714.7. But sterling and gilts had a lacklustre day as the markets awaited the election results. After opening higher the pound eased just 20 points against a stronger dollar to \$1.57, gaining 0.1 on its trade-weighted index to 86.9.

Fears that United States interest rates may be on their way up after a run of poor money supply figures continued to overshadow the financial markets, and these were only partly balanced by the statement from the Paris meeting of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' ministers that its pricing pact was holding and the oil production ceiling would be maintained at present levels.

Hill Samuel doubles staff profit-sharing

By Our Banking Correspondent
Hill Samuel has more than doubled to £7.6m the sum set aside for staff profit-sharing on the back of another big rise in profits.

The merchant banking and financial services group, which has moved ahead rapidly in the past three years after a stagnant period in the 1970s, raised disclosed after tax profits by 26 per cent to £20.1m. Before profit-sharing the increase was 40 per cent to £27.7m.

The large slice for profit-sharing - of which £3m is payable on annual schemes and the rest provisions for long term schemes - reflects the strong incentive based pay approach introduced by Mr Christopher Castleman, chief executive, who has overseen Hill Samuel's revival.

His salary rise last year in line with inflation was swelled by profit sharing to a 48 per cent rise to £126,000.

Tighter bank controls agreed

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent
Tighter supervision of international banks including measures to prevent a recurrence of some of the problems arising from last year's collapse of Banco Ambrosiano was revealed in a revised version of the Basle Concordat.

The concordat, drawn up by central bank supervisors headed by Mr Peter Cooke of the Bank of England, and approved by governors of the group of Ten countries, and Luxembourg and Switzerland, is published today.

It has been expanded and redrawn to step up surveillance and clarify supervisory responsibility over the banking system. The publication comes at a time when fears have again arisen that a new wave of debt problems in Brazil and elsewhere could place further strains on the international banking system.

Basle accord after Ambrosiano collapse

The new code, which sets out responsibility for watching over banks' international operations, replaces the 1975 concordat which was agreed after the failure of a number of leading banks, including the collapse of Herstatt Bank in 1974.

The new document, however, does not cover leader-of-the-resort responsibilities. Mr Cooke, stressed the supervisory nature of the Basle Committee.

One key addition to the concordat is the placing of responsibility for supervising intermediate holding companies in banking groups at the door of the supervisors of the parent bank. This is directly aimed at a problem which arose at Banco Ambrosiano where a Luxembourg holding company avoided supervision.

The new concordat, which has also been endorsed by the main offshore banking centres, places greater emphasis than before on sharing responsibility for supervision of international branches and subsidiaries between host and parent authority.

It defines the responsibilities of host and parent authority in supervising both liquidity and solvency. However, the move towards consolidation of bank accounts, a principle pushed by central bank governors, has led to greater emphasis being on the role of parent authority.

For instance, in the case of the liquidity of foreign branches, primary responsibility for supervision remains with the host authority as before. However, the document stresses that this will also be a matter of concern to the supervisors of the parent bank.

Hill Samuel Group

Financial performance summary for Hill Samuel Group, including profit after taxation, fully diluted earnings, and dividends per share for 1982 and 1983.

Disclosed profit after taxation
Year ended 31st March 1983 1982
£000 £000
Merchant banking 16,112 12,501



APPOINTMENTS

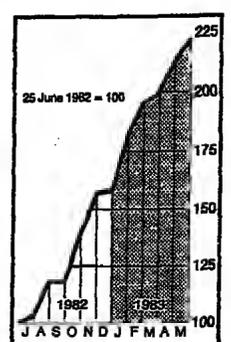
New post for Plessey chairman

Sir John Clark, chairman of The Plessey Company, has joined the board of Plessey Telecommunications & Office Systems (PTOSL) and succeeds Mr P. I. Marshall as chairman of PTOSL. Mr Marshall, a deputy chief executive and the finance director of Plessey, remains on the PTOSL board and joins the board of Plessey Electronics Systems.

Government follows US lead with £16m investment, Clive Cookson reports

Biotechnology begins to flower

Table with 5 columns: 12-Month high, 12-Month low, Company, Close 27 May, Bid Offer Yield. Lists biotech stocks like A. B. Fortia (Sweden), Biogen (USA), Bio-Logicals (Canada), etc.



The index is compiled for Nature on the last Friday of every month by E. F. Hutton, Inc. It shows that biotechnology stocks have outperformed the general bull market on Wall Street over the past year, as the companies have recovered from the loss of confidence that affected the sector a year ago.

But the most important new venture scheduled to start in Britain is the provisionally-named Agricultural Genetics Company (AGC), to which the British Technology Group, Ultramar and Advent Capital have pledged £5m each. More than 18 months have passed since the BTG and the Agricultural Research Council began discussions with potential backers to establish this 'country cousin' of Celtech.

1,300 British firms approach DoI for information

The less favourable aspects of the British climate for biotechnology. First, the Government and BTG found great difficulty in attracting promises of investment from private industry. Then they had several rebuffs from the people approached to become chief executives - compared to the United States this country is patently short of industrialists with the scientific credentials and entrepreneurial spirit to lead a venture like this.

the glamorous protein which helps the body fight infections and tumours. Ninety-six per cent of the anti-interferon is sold abroad - an export success for Celtech, but also a sign of weakness in the British biotechnology industry.

The first Celtech products on the market are so-called monoclonal antibodies - pure antibodies which latch on to one specific antigen. They are made by the technique of cell hybridization discovered in 1976 by Dr Cesar Milstein at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge.

Celtech's commercial expertise is untested

Unfortunately, no one at the MRC recognized the immense commercial value of monoclonal antibodies in time to patent the discovery, so scores of American biotechnology companies are gleefully exploiting it too. But Celtech believes that it can call on more scientific expertise in cell hybridization, within its own laboratories and the MRC establishments, than the competition.

Economic notebook Hypocrisy and the other CAP

Just three days before the Williamsburg summit, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders agreed another extension of its 'prudent marketing' agreement with Japan's motor industry. Naturally, it has nothing to do with government. Nor are there too many figures on paper, just in case the EEC competition director becomes emotional about this otherwise flagrant cartel deal to impose a quota below 11 per cent.

Large financial table with multiple columns for various investment funds, including 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds'. Columns include fund names, bid/offer prices, and yields.

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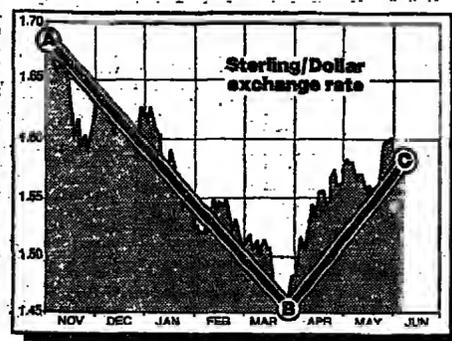


Westland doubles earnings

By John Lawless
Even the arrival of three rival Bristol helicopters yesterday could not dampen the spirits of Sir David Arlington, the Westland chairman.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Sandy McLachlan
Pound set on upward course

When Mrs Thatcher submitted to the test of the electorate four years ago, on May 3, 1979, the pound's average value on the currency basket index was, at \$6.3, within 1 percentage point of its value today.



for gilts and, initially perhaps for equities. There are however question marks that should be raised on a longer term appreciation.

Improved profits at Pegler

By Jonathan Clark
Pegler-Hattersley Year to 24.83
Pretax profit £17.8m (£16.2m)
Stated earnings 33.6p (32.5p)

in some quarters that the Government plans to tighten policies to dampen excessive monetary growth and public spending.

points over the summer, in the confident expectation that the pound will remain buoyant.

While sterling was falling, no less than 14 sectors of the Financial Times Actuaries Index registered gains of more than 15 per cent.

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Issued Share Capital
Shares of SEK 50 SEK 1,968,750,000
Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange in London.

GenFinance N.V.
Incorporated with limited liability in The Netherlands and established in Amsterdam
Placing of £7,250,000 11.49 per cent. Loan Stock 2007

Lynton Holdings PLC
Rental Income £3.1 million
Distributable Profit £929,000
Earnings per share 9.35p

Swire Pacific Limited
Final dividends for the year ended 31st December 1982
Scrip Dividends
At the annual general meeting held on 27th May 1983, shareholders approved the recommended final dividends for the year ended 31st December 1982.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF
Amec Year to 31.12.82
Pretax profit, £17.8m (£13.4m)
Stated earnings, 26.4p (21.8p)

COMMODITIES
LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
High grade copper 1088.50-75
Three month 1088.50-81
Six month 1088.50-81

Buoyant Whitlock boosts LCP
By Jeremy Warner
LCP Holdings Year to 31.3.83
Pretax profit £4.15m (£2.08m)
Stated earnings 4.4p (1.4p)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION
To the Holders of
Government of New Zealand
Twenty Year 5 1/2% Bonds due July 1, 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Bonds of the above-described issue, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as Fiscal Agent, has drawn by lot for redemption on July 1, 1985 at 100% of the principal amount thereof through operation of the Sinking Fund.

Walter Bull sells assets
Northern Goldsmiths has agreed to buy the leasehold interest in 57, Ship Street, Brighton, together with the jeweller's business carried on there by Walter Bull and Son (Bishopsgate).

Base Lending Rates
ABN Bank 10%
Barclays 10%
BCCI 10%
Consolidated Crds 10%
C. Hoare & Co 10%
Lloyds Bank 10%
Midland Bank 10%
Nat Westminster 10%
TSB 10%
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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Bid talk lifts Brown

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings begin, June 8; Dealings end, June 17; Contango Day, June 20; Settlement Day, June 21.

Help could soon be on the way for John Brown, the troubled engineering group, and once driving force of British industry.

Under whose specifications John Brown builds its turbines. Last night Sir John and his board were unavailable for comment, while Hawker says it never comments on market rumours.

Helped by strong Continental support. Many overseas investors feel the London stock market represents good value for money if the Conservatives are returned to power with a healthy majority, as share prices have lagged behind the rest of the world's leading markets.

Shares of FMC returned from suspension 6p higher at 52p after announcing it was in talks with a private company, thought to be Hillside Holdings.

Yesterday the shares recovered an early fall to close 2p on the day at 26p amid growing speculation that Hawker Shidley, with more than £200m in the bank, may be about to swoop. At last night's close John Brown was valued at £100m or 100 per cent of shareholder's funds.

The market has high hopes for Hazelwood Foods, the pickles group, where the shares rose 3p to 43p yesterday for a two day gain of 15p. Full year figures next week should see profits up from £1.4m to more than £2m. The group often tipped as a takeover candidate may soon take the decision to hit the acquisition trail itself.

Glits spent a quiet day after their recent strong gains, partly reflecting sterling's setback on the foreign exchange. By the close, longs showed scattered falls of up to 2p, while shorts were barely changed.

Expect news of buoyant trading at London & Continental Advertising from Mr John Goffer, chairman, at today's annual meeting. Yesterday, the shares rose 1p to 33p on the USM, but the proposed restructuring of the shares is expected to increase the group's market ability.

John Brown is expected to reveal losses of around £9.4m in the current year, against a profit last year of £14.2m. Sir John Mayhew Sanders, chairman at John Brown, has already told institutions that his main aim this year is to reduce gearing.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed another active day with equities soaring to new heights in the belief that Conservatives will land the victory was almost a certainty in today's General Election. The FT index ended the day 4.4 up at record 714.7.

A further improvement in profits is also expected in 1984. News of the circular lifted Barclays 5p to 49p, Lloyds 5p to 56p, Midland 7p to 42p,

strength of its business in Miami. But a statement from Mr Sidney Perez, the chairman, that it intended to increase its winter business overall by 50 per cent this year sent the shares up 3p to 154p. Five per cent will be market growth, with 45 per cent taken from competing companies.

This move pre-empted a proposed sell-off by the National Farmers Union of its 75 per cent stake in the company to pay off debts approaching £4m. The sale of 10 million shares has now been postponed for a month.

Shares of Jimmy Gulliver's Argyl Foods were a strong market climber 9p to 138p ahead of figures out next week. The market is looking for profits of around £23m. Making its debut on the Unlisted Securities Market, shares of Cifer, the computer terminal manufacturer, made a bright start. The shares, offered by way of tender at 115p, closed 16p higher, at 131p. But another member of the USM, Mackay & Harvey, a building contractor, held steady at 175p. A big buyer of the shares at 160p was reported in the market earlier this week.



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Sterling: Spot and Forward

Table with columns: Market (New York, London, etc.), Selling, Forward rates for 1, 3, 6, 12 months

Effective overnight rate compared to 1972, was up 0.1 at 8.0

Money Market Rates

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Table with columns: Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Dollar Spot Rates, Euro-Dollar Deposits, Gold

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Table listing various financial trusts and their prices

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WALL STREET

CSX merger could start bidding war

New York (NYT) - In a move that could touch off a bidding war, the CSX Corporation, the United States biggest railroad company, announced on Tuesday that it had agreed to merge with the Texas Gas and Resouces Corporation in a cash-and-stock deal...

Table with columns for company names, prices, and changes. Includes companies like AMF Inc, Allied Chem, Allied Corp, etc.

John Woodcock previews the Prudential World Cup Battle should be fun - weather permitting

The third Prudential World Cup begins today with matches at the Oval, Swansea, Trent Bridge and Old Trafford. Given anything like reasonable weather it should all be great fun...



Lloyd; a striking leader for the champions

It has become a question of bad weather, two days are set aside for the completion of the qualifying matches and three for the semi-finals and the final. A minimum of 30 overs has to be bowled by each side for a result to count...

The oldest of the 112 players in the eight teams are Lloyd and Somachandra de Silva. Next, at 36, is Glenn Turner, still an outstanding batsman. This is the chance to disprove those who suspect the existence of a flaw in his armour...

Of Greg Chappell's role in one-day cricket in the last two years, Australia will miss him more as a batsman. Less tangibly, but more significantly, they will miss his presence. Although Hughes captained them to victory over England and New Zealand in the triangular World Series Cup in Australia last winter...

For a final fling, either now or in the winter, before giving the South Africans a last look at his great talent. That Australia has left Yardley behind yet have been unable to find two better cricketers of their type than Trevor Chappell and Hogan suggests they are in a muddle. It would be a surprise to see them win, though being in the same group as Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe they should have an easier passage than England to the semi-finals.

Towards the end of their Australasian tour, England were relying almost entirely upon Gower to raise their game. If they are to do any better now - and the only new batsman is Gating - quite a transformation will be needed. Their supporters are putting their faith in the change of venue. It helps, too, that Randall and Jesty are running into form.

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Table listing cricket teams and their captains: AUSTRALIA (K J Hughes), ENGLAND (R G D Willis), INDIA (Kapil Dev), NEW ZEALAND (G P Howarth), PAKISTAN (Imran Khan), SRI LANKA (R L D Mendis), WEST INDIES (C H Lloyd), ZIMBABWE (D A G Fletcher).

Marcus Williams looks at World Cup forerunners and the form of participating nations

From 1912 flop to the failed Test that began one-day success

The first international cricket contest to involve more than two countries was the ill-fated Triangular Tournament of 1912 in England. The competition, which had been proposed by the South African businessman, Sir Abe Bailey, and was originally planned for 1909, embraced the three Test-playing nations, England, Australia and South Africa. They each played three Test matches against their two rivals and in a miserably wet summer England emerged comfortable winners.

Table showing cricket records for New Zealand and Pakistan from 1962 to 1983, including dates, venues, and scores.

Table showing cricket records for Australia from 1962 to 1983, including dates, venues, and scores.

From the outset the tournament had been bedevilled by difficulties. In 1908, when the Bailey plan was first considered, it almost caused a cracking rift between England and Australia, which was averted largely thanks to a letter from the Hon. F. S. Jackson of the Times.

Table showing cricket records for England from 1962 to 1983, including dates, venues, and scores.

Table showing cricket records for India from 1962 to 1983, including dates, venues, and scores.

It was eventually agreed that the competition should be held in 1912, and even before a ball was bowled disension between half a dozen leading Australian players and their board of control led to their absence from a thus weakened touring party. The South Africans, when they arrived, showed disappointing form compared with their previous visit in 1907 and, with the weather inhospitable, public interest in the event was small.

Table showing cricket records for Sri Lanka from 1962 to 1983, including dates, venues, and scores.

Table showing cricket records for West Indies from 1962 to 1983, including dates, venues, and scores.

ROWING Munich too far for squad to go for nothing

The British men's squad have cancelled a trip to an overseas international regatta for the second time this season. A month ago Vicky was abandoned because the river was in flood; the Munich international this weekend will not be attended by the British as there is no worthwhile opposition.

RUGBY UNION Lions get hiccups and make a meal of things

move of any classical conception, with Rutherford looping through a gap and putting Carleton clear from long range. The other two were merely finishing off the job after massive Lions' battering at the West Coast line, with Laidlaw drawing the defence and giving Carleton two comfortable strolls to the line. The other tries came from a neat dodge by Rutherford, and by Laidlaw and Beattie dotting down after the Lions' pack had shunted West Coast over the line.

EQUESTRIANISM British riders in Paris with revenge motive

With only two more Nations Cup meetings before the European championships in July, most of the countries at the first of these, the Paris meeting which starts today, are fielding their strongest teams. The Cup event, one of the stiffest of the 15 in the series, is on Saturday.

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CRICKET

Somerset stung by Stovold's inspired stand

Bristol: Somerset, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 352 runs behind Gloucestershire. Stovold's inspirational innings of 84, made in 78 minutes, lay at the centre of an eminently successful day for Gloucestershire's batsmen yesterday...

The World Cup and an injury to Rose, the captain, combined to deprive Somerset of their five international cricketers, and if that meant the traditional rivalry between the two would be a fraction less spicy, it seemed also that Gloucestershire would play only to play, moderately well in turn a substantial imbalance to advantage. Gloucestershire won the toss and chose to bat. With some orators along, enjoying a bonanza in baldheaded just now, it was reassuring and refreshing to mark a compelling lecture delivered by Andy Stovold.

Brothers pick up a century apiece

Hampshire's Smith brothers, Chris and Robin, both made centuries at Bournemouth yesterday. Robin, aged 18, on his championship debut, scored 357 for three against Lancashire. Chris, aged 24, and the elder of the South African-born brothers, hit his third century of the season, putting on 158 in 64 overs for the first wicket with Paul Terry. The elder Smith, who recently qualified for England, hit 14 runs in a stay of 246 minutes before leaving the way clear for his brother, who was playing because Marshall and Jesy are on World Cup duty. He faced three figures in 142 minutes with two sixes and 15 fours, reaching his hundred in the last over of the day, bowled by Stammers, whom he pulled for his second six.

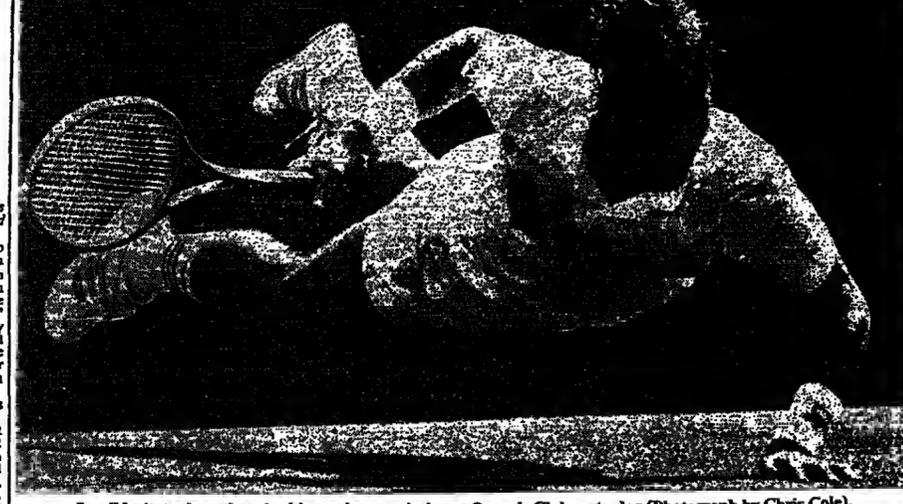
The Parks Northamptonshire recovered well to declare at 353 for nine against Oxford University, who were 34 for at the close. Although the county, particularly well in the morning, Oxford had the county side in trouble at 133 for six, before the acting captain Sharp, and Lines led the recovery with a partnership of 84. Sharp went on to score 89 before being bowled by Carr.

Uxbridge Hill, with 16 fours in his 89, held the Derbyshire innings together after a slow start which saw 37 balls bowled before the first run came. Morris played a solid 38 before he stepped back to cut Edmunds and was caught by Butcher at slip. Butcher took three catches, after starting the day top of the catching table on the previous day (60) and the acting captain, Embury (two for 53), bowled 50 of the 93 over to the Derbyshire innings. LEICESTER: Yorkshire's bowler sent Leicestershire tumbling to 68 for six to the last 95 minutes of the match. The sudden first class return from Wootton and a cast 93 from Dyer put Warwickshire on the way to 315 for four declared against Cambridge University.

Smith went in the third over with six runs on the board, but the second wicket pair put on 186. Later Hampshire raced to 50 in 47 minutes. Cambridge faced 30 minutes batting before the close and reached 17 without loss.

Table with 4 columns: Match, Runs, Wickets, Extras. Includes matches like Essex v Notts, Middlesex v Derbys, Wores v Surrey, Hampshire v Lancs, Camb Un v Warwick, Ox Univ v Northants, Leicestershire v Yorks, and others.

TENNIS



Lendl levitates but otherwise his magic was missing at Queen's Club yesterday (Photograph by Chris Cole).

Gerulaitis worn down as Cash builds up

Patrick Cash, aged 18, the new hope of Australian tennis, went into the third round of the Queen's Club tournament, sponsored by Stella Artois, by beating Vitas Gerulaitis of Czechoslovakia, the No 3 seed, was given a rough time by the American, Tim Wilkison.

Vilas pays the penalty

Paris (Reuters) - Guillermo Vilas, the Argentine tennis star ranked fifth in the world, has been suspended for one year and fined \$20,000. The suspension is a penalty for 'guarantees' at a grand prix tournament in Rotterdam last year. The Professional Tennis Council, which has 30 days to appeal, said that the suspension was for 'guarantees' paid by Vilas to organizers to attract the best players to the event.

Miss Barker wrestles through

See Barker reached the third round - something she has not often done during the last year - by winning 7-5, 7-6 in the Edgbaston Cup to Birmingham yesterday against Ken Stammers, a gutsy, mungy little retriever from St Louis, Missouri, ranked 94 in the world.

Robson in a 'no win' situation

Sydney, (Reuters) - England arrived here yesterday with their captain, Bobby Robson, claiming they had everything to lose on their three-match Australian tour. "If we beat the Aussies nobody will care and if we fail we'll be blasted," Robson said.

Spain beckons Jacklin

Tony Jacklin moved into the £50,000 Jersey open tournament, where he has been a regular competitor today, hinting that he may go into semi-retirement. He is hoping to extend his activities at Sotogrande golf course in southern Spain, where he has been attached as tournament professional for five years.

Table with 2 columns: Event, Winner. Includes tennis matches like Wimbledon, US Open, and other international events.

BOXING

Conteh refused a new licence

John Conteh, the former world lightweight champion, said he was 'shocked' after being refused a new licence by the British Board of Control yesterday. Conteh, aged 52, spent 50 minutes being questioned by the board's chairman, secretary and stewards, who said they did not feel it was in 'his best interests' to resume his boxing career.

Conteh, who wanted to start a new career as a crane-driver, said: 'I was too shocked to ask for a reason as to why they rejected my application. I just want to sit down and think about my future. I expected to get my licence back.' A board spokesman said: 'Consideration was given to every aspect of John Conteh's application at great length, but the board felt that it is not in his best interests to return to boxing. Accordingly, with great regret, they cannot grant him a licence.'

Downing in no danger

Downing were never in danger from the favourites, Lady Margaret, on the first day of the Cambridge Mays yesterday. The Mays division III and VI and women's division III subject to rowers.

Table with 4 columns: Division, Name, Points. Lists various rowing events and their winners.

Details for women's division I were revealed two days ago.

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Commercial property/Baron Phillips

US unit trusts on the move

While investors express a certain amount of concern over property unit trusts generally there is plenty of activity among these funds in North America.

Both the British American Property Unit Trust and the North American Property Unit Trust have recently unveiled major US acquisitions.

Managed by Samuel Montagu & Co and Schroder Wagg NAPUT has just paid \$16m for a 293,000 sq ft freehold office block, Centre City Tower, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Launched in 1975 the trust has built up its investment portfolio of about \$109m spread across 15 separate office blocks and eight shopping centres.

In the trust's annual report chairman of the committee of management Mr Cecil Baker says that there is a rent portfolio of \$18m on the complex and the vendor has retained a \$17.5m stake in the investment for 6 1/2 years through a participating second mortgage.

Mr Baker said: "There are definite signs of a recovery in the American economy which will be reflected within the property investment market."

Like the NAPUT purchase BAPUT's investment is highly reversionary with an average rent in the building of only \$14 a sq ft compared with a market rent in Minneapolis for similar space of about \$22 a sq ft.

The trust expects the rental income of about \$1.4m a year to steadily increase from this year onwards as leases come up for review.

According to leading agents like Richard Ellis the US property market is looking far more bullish than it was a year or so ago.

It is far more common in North America to tie shopping rents to sales than here in the UK. Any surge in sales will mean a healthy increase in rental income for investors.

value of the property and leading UK funds will be watching any signs of improvement in American retailing.

There is likely to be more interest in US property investment over the next year than we have seen recently.

But developers are still expressing caution following the disastrous performance of the large Canadian companies such as Cadillac-Fairview and Daon Developments.

One US city in which investors are trading extremely warily is Houston. According to Ellis the office market there is looking extremely soft as vacancy rates increase from 4 per cent to 8 per cent in the central business district and from 12 per cent to 19 per cent in the suburban office market.

The recession is biting hard into the industrial property market according to the latest Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks Industrial Rent and Rates Report.

The agents estimate a vacancy level which will take up to four years to clear at present take up rates.

The agents point out the small increase in costs is attributable to poor rental growth over the past year and at 1 per cent represents the lowest annual rise since the report was first published in 1973.

Present difficult market conditions have meant landlords offering substantial incentives to attract tenants. These incentives range from rent-free periods to a graduated rent, where rents gradually rise over a number of years to the market level, and landlord assistance with the rates burden.

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